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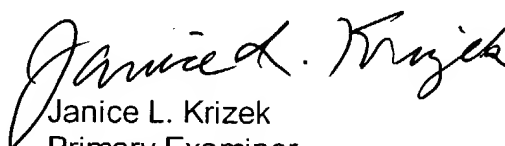
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1. The reply filed on April 14, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have failed to point out how the language of newly presented claims 73-78 patentably distinguishes these claims from the prior art, particularly the Neukam reference (EP 0 795 495). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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